



First Impressions

Through our eyes

2012-2014

Greece

AKRITHAKIS

"The suitcase"



"It reminds me of a small suitcase with great importance. It probably hides a lot"

Antonis

"It makes me dream wonderful things, like a dreamland where you open the suitcase and it gives you whatever you wish!

Perfect!"

Aggeliki

"This colourful picture sets my imagination free! It reminds me of children's pictures. I want to fly in the sky!"

Mariela

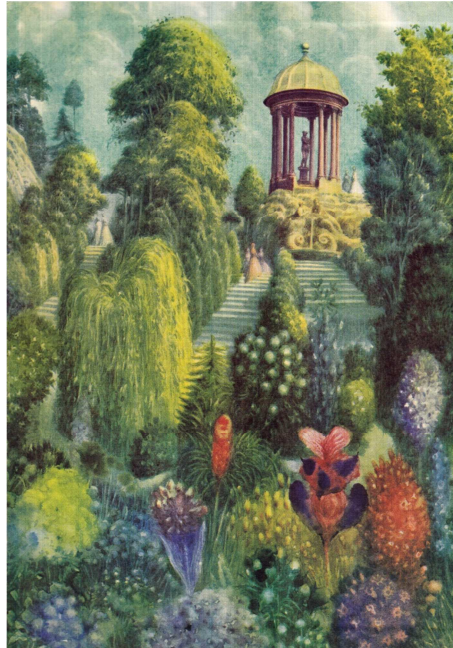
"This picture reminds me of travels. The vivid colours make me happy."

Maria

Slovakia

ALBÍN BRUNOVSKÝ

“In the Park”



When I first saw this picture, I was very impressed by the sky. It seemed to me as if the entire image was in motion. The wind started to blow and the tree branches and flowers began to move, too. And then it all suddenly stopped. Perhaps this is what the artist wanted to express – to capture the moment when an inanimate painting is being awakened to life. What I liked the most was a cupola-shaped summerhouse and the combination of yellow and blue, shadows and light, darkness and brightness.

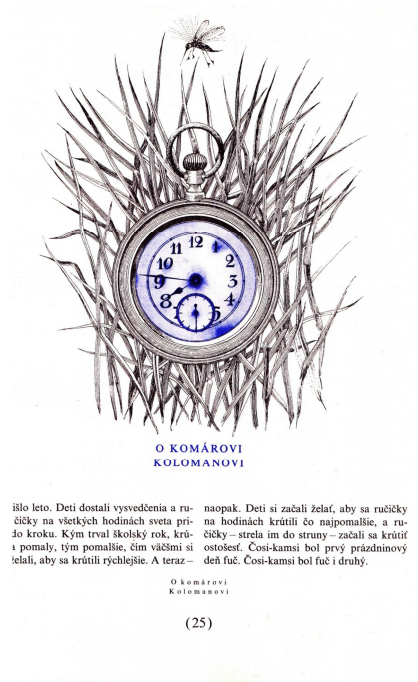
Year 9, aged 14.

“A Fairy Land”



This picture reminds me of a fairy land. There is a big peaceful castle with princesses, towers and jingle bells. It is summer and the trees are very interesting because they aren't green. On the contrary, red and brown colours prevail.

“A Clock”



This is a picture about a mosquito called Koloman.
It gives me the impression that time passes quickly.
Thorns can mean that time may even have harmful influence over people.

Year 5, aged 11

“Bratislava Castle”



This picture attracted me by its blue colour.

Blue is my favourite colour!

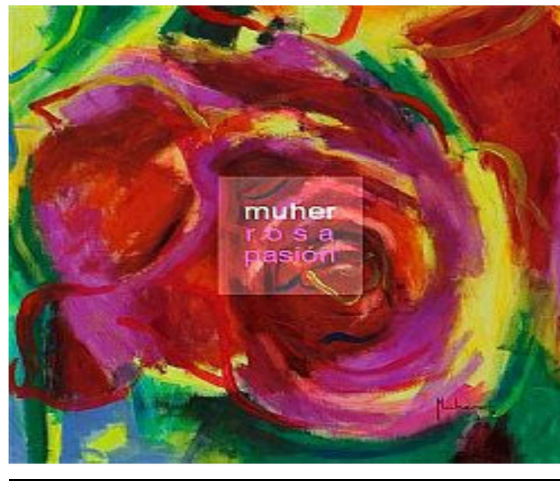
When I looked at the castle, I was interested to look inside.

When I touched it, it seemed to me as if it rose up.

Year 2, aged 7

SPAIN

MUHER



I feel colourful, joyful and passionate for the colours.”

“I feel myself glad and happy.”

“I feel joy and emotion for the colours.”

“It’s beautiful and it reminds me a very special rose.”



“I like the sea, because I swim in it and it reminds me when I go to the beach.”

“It reminds me to the low tide and the sound the sea makes when the wind blows and the sound of the seagulls.”

“I feel joy, something beautiful, colours of the sea and all its living creatures.”

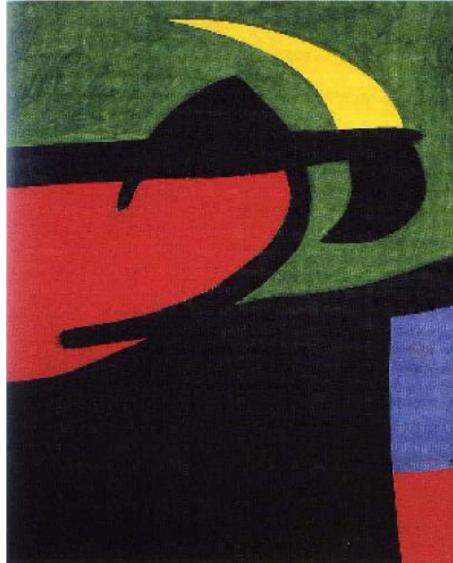
MIRÓ



“It seems to me like a snake with balls.”

“I can see a red stick next to stones in a river.”

“I like the colour blue, it reminds me like a river with a red snake and black stones jumping in there.”



“It reminds me to a miner with a hat and an axe.”

“I can see like a field and a man working on it.”

“I like the colours: green, red, black, blue and yellow. The Miró’s colours.”



“It seems to me like a pregnant woman head down and a boy playing with a ball.”

“It reminds me like a woman down head in the sky with stars, the sun and the moon.”

“I like this Miró painting because it is very colourful and makes me think in the stars and the moon. I can see the Nature as well, like ladybirds on it.”

Sweden

ISAAC GRUNEWALD

The Singing Tree



I see:

- that it's a lovely summer's day with beautiful trees, a summer party and beautiful people.
- people having fun together in a big city with lots of people.
- a windy festival in a big garden.

I think that:

- that the trees are lovely – you want to lie on the grass and look up in the sky.
- that this I from a long time ago.
- think about a big and nice fantasy world where there never have been wars.

I feel:

- the wind blowing and see the leaves falling. I fell happy and want to play.
- freedom and joy. I hear birds singing and it's nice to be here. •that it is peaceful because the light behind the tree makes me calm.

Italy

RENATO GUTTUSO

“The Roofs of Palermo”



“It brings me happiness thanks to its bright colors.”

“Probably it is summer because on balconies there are clothes drying and a blue sky as in hot seasons.”

“It is scenery which brings me happiness thanks to its bright colors in the foreground.”

“The open roofs make me thinking about bombs and destruction during the Second World War.”

“It is a beautiful painting: the houses represent typical South Italy (Sicily) constructions. Probably it is summer because on balconies there are clothes drying and a blue sky as in hot seasons.”

“In the background we can see the belfry of Palermo's Cathedral.”

“The Watermelon”



“It is a still life painting. It brings to mind hot summers, great thirst, the freshness and sweetness of that fruit. The bright colors remind me those of the Italian Flag (red, white and green).”

“If I look carefully to the slice of watermelon placed horizontally I can see the figure of a stretched frog. It is an almost sad situation because the watermelon has been eaten.”

Czech Republic

JOSEF LADA

Winter



“This picture reminds me winter time and motivates me to go sledging.”

“Josef Lada picture. Children enjoy winter and go sledging.”

“It reminds me my time outside when me and my schoolmates were building a snowman in the park.”

England

HOCKNEY

“May Blossom on the Roman Road”, 2009



“I like it because the bushes look like animals and shapes and letters. I love the sky because it is very colourful.” (Georgia Parkin, Year 4)

“I like how his trees and bushes look like they are going into the distance.” (Keira Forman, Y4)

“Die Frau Ohne Schatten”



“It looks really exciting and colourful. I like the abstract style.” (Millie Margo)

“I like how it is light in some parts and darker in others – the shading is effective. I like the curves and shapes and the patterns.” (Alfie Kirton)

Germany

FRANZ MARC
The Yellow Cow



It looks as if she wants to jump out of the picture.

It's her first day out of the stable.

She is an adventurous cow. She wants to see the world.

Maybe she's excited because she escaped from the butcher.

The cow seems to be very happy because she is jumping so elegantly.

The cow is excited because she is free!

Lithuania

KESTUTIS KASPARAVICIUS

Flying Books



“These books remind me of flying butterflies! The sky is full of beautiful butterflies.”

“The books want to share everything they have inside with all the people. That’s why they went up to the sky and the rain of letters started.”

“I love this picture. I think that books might become alive one day.”

Escaped houses



These houses are dancing. They are happy! The mum house, the dad house and the baby house. The whole family!

People should feel very uncomfortable inside these houses, because they are jumping and running.

They make me laugh! The houses are so funny. I wish my house could walk!